

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3682, To redesignate the Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia as the Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge; and H.R. 2866, James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Rick Schultz, Chief, Division of Conservation, Planning and Policy, National Wildlife Refuge System, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

UNITED STATES-BAHRAIN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing two hours of debate in the House on H.R. 4340, to implement the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that pursuant to section 151(f)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974, the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion. Section 2 of the resolution provides that during consideration of the bill, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker in consonance with section 151 of the Trade Act of 1974. Testimony was heard from Representative Shaw.

HURRICANE KATRINA: VOICES FROM INSIDE THE STORM

Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina: Held a hearing entitled "Hurricane Katrina: Voices from Inside the Storm." Testimony was heard from Charles Allen, Vice Mayor, Newport News, Virginia; citizens and evacuees of New Orleans; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 1213)

H.R. 2419, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. Signed on November 19, 2005. (Public Law 109-103)

H.R. 4326, to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to enter into a contract for the nuclear refueling and complex overhaul of the U.S.S. Carl Vinson (CVN-70). Signed on November 19, 2005. (Public Law 109-104)

H.J. Res. 72, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2006. Signed on November 19, 2005. (Public Law 109-105)

H.R. 4133, to temporarily increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for carrying out the national flood insurance program. Signed on November 21, 2005. (Public Law 109-106)

H.R. 2490, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 West Hamilton Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, as the "Mayor Joseph S. Daddona Memorial Post Office". Signed on November 22, 2005. (Public Law 109-107)

H.R. 2862, making appropriations for Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. Signed on November 22, 2005. (Public Law 109-108)

H.R. 3339, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2061 South Park Avenue in Buffalo, New York, as the "James T. Molloy Post Office Building". Signed on November 22, 2005. (Public Law 109-109)

S. 161, to provide for a land exchange in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership. Signed on November 22, 2005. (Public Law 109-110)

S. 1234, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2005, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans. Signed on November 22, 2005. (Public Law 109-111)

S. 1713, to make amendments to the Iran Non-proliferation Act of 2000 related to International Space Station payments. Signed on November 22, 2005. (Public Law 109-112)

S. 1894, to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide for the making of foster care maintenance payments to private for-profit agencies. Signed on November 22, 2005. (Public Law 109-113)

H.R. 2528, making appropriations for military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. Signed on November 30, 2005. (Public Law 109-114)

H.R. 3058, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006. Signed on November 30, 2005. (Public Law 109-115)

H.R. 4145, to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to obtain a statue of Rosa Parks and to place

the statue in the United States Capitol in National Statuary Hall. Signed on December 1, 2005. (Public Law 109–116)

H.R. 126, to amend Public Law 89–366 to allow for an adjustment in the number of free roaming horses permitted in Cape Lookout National Seashore. Signed on December 1, 2005. (Public Law 109–117)

H.R. 539, to designate certain National Forest System land in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System. Signed on December 1, 2005. (Public Law 109–118)

H.R. 606, to authorize appropriations to the Secretary of the Interior for the restoration of the Angel Island Immigration Station in the State of California. Signed on December 1, 2005. (Public Law 109–119)

H.R. 1972, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including in the National Park System certain sites in Williamson County, Tennessee, relating to the Battle of Franklin. Signed on December 1, 2005. (Public Law 109–120)

H.R. 1973, to make access to safe water and sanitation for developing countries a specific policy objective of the United States foreign assistance programs. Signed on December 1, 2005. (Public Law 109–121)

H.R. 2062, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 57 West Street in Newville, Pennsylvania, as the “Randall D. Shughart Post Office Building”. Signed on December 1, 2005. (Public Law 109–122)

H.R. 2183, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 567 Tompkins Avenue in Staten Island, New York, as the “Vincent Palladino Post Office”. Signed on December 1, 2005. (Public Law 109–123)

H.R. 3853, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 208 South Main Street in Parkdale, Arkansas, as the Willie Vaughn Post Office. Signed on December 1, 2005. (Public Law 109–124)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, December 7, hearing on H.R. 4200, Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act, 10 a.m., and to consider the Commodity Futures Trading

Commission (CFTC) Reauthorization Act of 2005, 2 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, December 8, Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, hearing on Federal efforts related to the exclusion, removal and prosecution of aliens and naturalized U.S. citizens who have committed war crimes or human rights abuses outside the U.S., 10 a.m., H–309 Capitol.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, December 7, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled “Determining a Champion on the Field: A Comprehensive Review of the BCS and Postseason College Football,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

December 7, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled “Understanding the Peak Oil Theory,” focusing on H. Res. 507, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States, in collaboration with other international allies, should establish an energy project with the magnitude, creativity, and sense of urgency that was incorporated in the “Man on the Moon” project to address the inevitable challenges of “Peak Oil,” 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

December 8, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Improving America’s Health: Examining Federal Research Efforts for Pulmonary Hypertension and Chronic Pain,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, December 8, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled “Housing Options in the Aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, December 7, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment and the Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity, executive, joint briefing on the overview and roll of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Forensic Document Laboratory (FDL), 3 p.m., 311 Cannon.

December 8, Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, executive, briefing on the Defense Science Board’s 2005 summer study entitled “Reducing Vulnerabilities to Weapons of Mass Destruction,” 2 p.m., 202 John Adams Building.

Committee on International Relations, December 7, hearing on Avian Flu: Addressing the Global Threat, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

December 7, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to mark up a Subcommittee report entitled “The Oil-for-Food Program: The Systematic Failure of the United Nations,” 12:30 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

December 8, full Committee, to mark up H. Res. 549, Requesting the President of the United States provide to the House of Representatives all documents in his possession relating to his October 7, 2002, speech in Cincinnati, Ohio, and his January 28, 2003, State of the Union address, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, December 7, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on International IPR Report Card—Assessing U.S. Government and Industry Efforts to Enhance